

Elective summaries: Sessions #1 & #2

Better Blokes 2017

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1. Nathan Douglas: “GODS DESIRE TO RESTORE AND REJUVENATE YOUR MARRIAGE”

(Delivered Twice - Elective #1 & #2)

“After 5 years of separation after an affair, God revealed his plan for me and my wife not just to be together but to live happily again as one.”

Nathan is a representative cricketer in the ACT, is a sparky and has a great story to tell of his journey from difficult times to a settled, productive life. His elective will challenge you to seek a more fulfilling marriage relationship or be prepared for the time when you are ready for marriage.

2. Michael Clark: “KICKING GOALS IN YOUR TEEN YEARS AND EARLY 20’s”

(Delivered Once – Elective #1)

Definitely the most important time of your life... So what tools do you need to thrive? How do you become someone who it is an explosive influence? How do you walk a path that leads exactly where you want to go in life? How will you avoid the huge hazards and the hurdles that want to trip you up? How to turn weakness and tough times into things that equip you to lead others:

1. Get where you want to go in life
2. Influence & inspire others
3. Know what you want in life and how to get there.
4. Use your faith as fuel to fly with.
5. Unlock the hidden leadership abilities you already have

Michael is a husband, dad and leader of men who grew up when he finally realized that being ‘a Man’ is not measured by how people view you... that Manhood is determined by how you view yourself.

3. Michael Clark: “I’M GONNA BE ‘ME’ WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT”

(Delivered Once - Elective #2)

There is a massive difference between living as:

- a) the person you really actually know you are
- b) the person that everyone else thinks you are wants you to be, and think you should be.

We will only be solid men who lead others and make a big impact on others if we are courageous to we face the important questions: Who the heck am I? What am I supposed to be doing? What do I want? Am I pursuing my dreams, or the things that others told me I should want? What am I so afraid of? Am I being real with others and myself? Why does God want me to actually be myself? Here's why it matters: when you know exactly who you are and you are living out of that, there is no one on the planet who can hold you back or keep you down.

WARNING: These questions are extremely dangerous. Use with caution. If you want something safe, buy a kitten.

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4. Russell Veerhuis: "I THE LORD HAVE SPOKEN!"

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Have you ever wanted to hear Gods voice? Wondered how he speaks to people? Come along and hear the Journey into how God speaks and how he wants to speak to you also. "My Sheep will hear my voice" John 10:27.

Russell is passionate about helping people grow in relationship with their Lord. He is a Father of 5 and happily married to a beautiful wife Jodi and currently living in Sydney. Russell is working as the District administrator for the Lutheran Church in NSW and has been actively involved in various ministries of the District, including Turning Point Ministries.

5. Wayne Martin: "Same old, same old... Life in the middle years"

(Delivered Twice - Elective #1 & #2)

Feeling trapped, like you've lost your way?
Where does your sense of okayness come from?
How do we stay in the battle?
How do we honour our marriage in this season?
Learn to allow for all the seasons of your life.

Three key principles, relational lessons from the eagle, and a fresh look at Ecclesiastes will be shared

With more than 40 years preaching; leading men's outreach ministry, running men's retreats, working as a counsellor and presently involved in a secular ministry, Wayne is a wealth of knowledge and is ready and willing to share it!

6. George Johnston & Jeff Lawrence : "Slowing ourselves down into the rhythm of God' - walking as a spiritual discipline 'to be still and know the Lord our God."

(Delivered Once - Elective #2)

Sole to Soul (S2S) is a group of Christian men who have found contemplative bushwalking to be a profound and fruitful way for men to be in touch with God, their full self, creation and their brothers in the male spiritual journey. With this Spiritual discipline we make a space not only to practice being still but also to be fully present and attentive to God and aware of God's creation, to know God, to know who we are and where we belong as a loved and valued part of that creation. The skills practiced on the walk are easily adapted to be effective in our daily work and family routines. This workshop will tell you about these skills and the brotherhood, healing & liberating experiences of our S2S retreats

IMPORTANT NOTE: This elective will require walking around the Warrambui property on rough dirt tracks and walking up hills and stairs. Please ensure you wear appropriate foot ware, and warm clothing and the walk will.

Jeff & George are experienced in men's work and men's groups. George is actively involved in 'Shed Happens' and S2S. Jeff is a pastor, biblical storyteller, spiritual director & retreat presenter, and mentor for pastors and men's shed chairman and co-facilitates the S2S retreats.